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FM AMEMBASSY KIGALI

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 4411

INFO AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

AMEMBASSY MEXICO CITY

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ATRN, RW

SUBJ: MY WAYWARD AIR FREIGHT

1. URGENTLY REQUEST WASHINGTON'S ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN LOCATING MY NOW LONG-LOST AIR FREIGHT. AM LIVING OUT OF SAME TWO SUITCASES WITH WHICH I DEPARTED MEXICO CITY SEPT. 2, AND EVEN DISCREET COLLEAGUES ARE BEGINNING TO MURMUR.

2. THREE PIECES AIR FREIGHT DESTINED FOR KIGALI WERE PICKED UP AT MY HOME IN MEXICO CITY FOR SHIPMENT O/A AUG. 26, TOGETHER WITH OTHER AIR FREIGHT SHIPMENTS SENT TO WASHINGTON, BOSTON, AND HARTFORD (OTHERS ARRIVED PROMPTLY AT DESTINATIONS). ACCORDING TO MEXICO'S 13771, FREIGHT WAS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE NAIROBI OCTOBER 26 ON PA FLT 190 AND WAS TO BE TRANSSHIPPED ON EARLIEST AVAILABLE KIGALI CONNECTION.

3. FREIGHT WAS ON-AND OFF-LOADED AT NAIROBI, APPARENTLY MORE THAN ONCE. LOCAL AGENTS FINALLY LOST TRACK OF IT, AND EMBASSY NAIROBI NOW REPORTS THAT ITEMS CANNOT BE LOCATED AT AIR FREIGHT DEPOT THERE.

4. WE HAVE CHECKED REPEATEDLY AT AIRPORT DEPOT HERE WITHOUT FINDING A TRACE. AMEMBASSY BUJUMBURA REPORTS NEGATIVE

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CHECKS THERE.

5. FREIGHT SHIPPED FROM MEXICO UNDER AIR WAYBILL PAA
NO. 026-69694413, TOTAL 229 POUNDS. TWO CARTONS MEASURED
ABOUT 48" X 24" X 24" AND 36" X 24" X 24" RESPECTIVELY.
DO NOT RECALL NATURE OF THIRD CONTAINER; POSSIBLY GREEN
METAL TRUNK (IF MEXICO CITY HAS DETAILS, REQUEST YOU
SUPPLY).

6. FOR DEPARTMENT:

A. PLEASE ADVISE HOW BEST TO INITIATE FORMAL TRACER. IF
APPROPRIATE, PLEASE INITIATE.

B. SECOND AIR FREIGHT SHIPMENT (FOUR PIECES, 430 LBS.)
WAS PICKED UP AT MY WIFE'S APARTMENT NOV. 18 BY FIDELITY
STORAGE, CONSIGNED TO KIGALI. PLEASE ADVISE AWB NUMBER
AND ROUTING INFO. PERHAPS WE CAN PREVENT ITS GETTING
LOST AS WELL.

7. FOR INFO ADDRESSEES: WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR MAKING ONEP
LAST CHECK WITH YOUR LOCAL AIR FREIGHT PEOPLE IN HOPE SOMETHING
HAS TURNED UP. CRIGLER

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